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PART: U.S. GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENTS

SUBPART: CONTRACTS/TRAINING (25XX)

CLASSCOD: MISCELLANEOUS CONTRACTUAL SERVICES NOT CLASSIFIED (2527)

**OFFADD: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS),
Southeast Fisheries Science Center, Galveston Laboratory, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551**

SUBJECT: The NMFS intends to award a sole source purchase order to Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI) to continue to assist the Southeast Fisheries Science Center with the investigation of "Distribution of Trap Fishing and Effects of Habitats in Coral Reef Ecosystems".

SOL: Purchase Order

POC: Carey Marlow, Contract Specialist, (816) 426-7460

The objective of this effort is to continue conducting the investigation of "Distribution of Trap Fishing and Effects of Habitats in Coral Reef Ecosystems"

DESC: The proposed project will have the following components:

- 1) Provide current and historical trap fishing effort data and assist with interpretation as necessary.
- 2) To conduct seasonal surface vessel surveys of fish trapping loctions using GPS and diver surveys of trap related habitat damage as per agreed-upon methods.
- 3) Supply data in electronic format.
- 4) Provide 1 captain, 2 divers, boats, boat fuel and maintenance, and dive tank rentals/refills for at least 10 days.
- 5) To conduct repeat diver surveys of trap damage sites at weekly and monthly intervals as required to monitor mortality/recovery rates.
- 6) To collect underwater video of trap deployments and retrieval as well as underwater video of trap habitat damage.

The anticipated performance period is date of award through December 31, 2006.

The proposed contract action is for services for which the Government intends to solicit and negotiate with only one source under the authority of FAR 6.302. That source will be Florida Marine Research Institute (FMRI) based on the following reasons: 1) FMRI has the expertise, knowledge, and accessibility to historical data and trap locations in the Florida Keys that is necessary to conduct the work required. 2) No other organization has the expertise, historical data, and access to the lobster trap locations necessary to conduct the required work. Interested persons may identify their interest and capability to respond to the requirement or submit proposals. This notice of intent is not a request for competitive proposals. However, all proposals received within fifteen days after date of publication of this synopsis will be considered by the Government. A determination by the Government not to compete with this proposed contract based upon responses to this notice is solely within the discretion of the Government. Information received will

normally be considered solely for the purpose of determining whether to conduct a competitive procurement. All responsible sources may submit a proposal which shall be considered by the agency. Interested firms shall include, in writing, the company name, address, point of contact, telephone number, and business size; a statement regarding their capabilities and qualifications, and any additional supporting literature. Submissions received in response to this notice shall be evaluated based on the technical ability and demonstrated past experience to meet the requirements described in the description section above.

Interested persons should identify their interest and capabilities to respond to the requirement or submit proposals. All those interested should submit, in writing, the company name, address, point of contact, telephone number, and business size; a statement regarding their capabilities and qualifications, and any additional supporting literature each item listed in the DESC section no later than 3 PM on Thursday, September 8, 2005. Information must be received no later than 3 PM 09/08/05 and may be mailed or faxed to:

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Vendor must provide a DUNS number (<http://www.dnb.com/us/>) and register with the Central Contractors Registration (<http://www.ccr.gov/>) to further qualify for this contract. Include DUNS number on written quote.

As specified in FAR 5.101 (a) (2) All interested firms may submit a response which, if received by the time specified above, will be considered by the agency.

This notice may be removed after 2 weeks on September 8, 2005

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